

REMARKS

Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 – 15 and 17 – 24 remain in the application. Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 – 15 and 17 – 23 are allowed. Claim 24 is rejected and amended herein. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 16 are canceled. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3818.

All claims except claim 24 are allowed. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to software. Claim 24 is amended to further recite hardware (i.e., that “the system including one or more processing entities”), which applicants believe was inherent in claim 24. Be that as it may, however, claim 24 is amended as directed by the Office action and therefore is allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 24 is respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the amendment to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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